

REMARKS

With the present amendment, the specification includes the reference to the prior-filed applications required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(i), stating that the application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/584,661, filed May 30, 2000, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/571,084 filed May 15, 2000, and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/029,113, filed December 19, 2001, and that the application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/134,110, filed May 14, 1999 under 35 U.S.C. §119(e). The relationship of the present application to the non-provisional applications is also indicated, as is the current status of the abandoned non-provisional applications; the other non-provisional applications are still pending.

No new matter is added by way of the amendment.

These named applications being copending with the present application, Application Serial No. 09/571,084 being filed within 12 months (including a weekend day) of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/134,110, all applications sharing at least one common inventor, applicants submit that the amendment is proper and satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 35 U.S.C. §120.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the above amendment to the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections are overcome, and believe all claims to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Attorney's Docket No. 25527-0003 C1).

Respectfully Submitted,

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